

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, line 2, add the heading:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.

On page 1, before line 3, add the sub-heading:

-- Field of the Invention --.

On page 1, rewrite the paragraph at lines 3-8 to provide a first paragraph, a sub-heading (Background Information) and a second paragraph, as follows:

-- The present invention relates to a ceramic tube for use in a vacuum switch or circuit breaker, the ceramic tube being cylindrical in shape with a set length and a set internal diameter, with a cylindrical end face at each end of the cylinder shape, it being possible for a metal end cap to be secured in a vacuum-tight manner, for example by soldering, to each cylindrical end face to form a vacuum chamber.

Background Information

In the vacuum chamber there are two contacts which can be moved apart in order to break a circuit. --.

On page 2, before line 4, add the heading:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.

On page 3, before line 7, add the heading:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --.

On page 3, before line 16, add the heading:

-- DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --.